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Sir:

This is Applicant's reply to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2002, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on January 8, 2003. With a one-month extension, reply is timely if filed on or before February 8, 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.